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WHEREAS; a brain aneurysm refers to a bulging area of a blood vessel in the brain that is at risk of leaking or rupturing, causing a highly dangerous subarachnoid hemorrhage; and

WHEREAS; approximately 6.5 million people in the United States are living with an unruptured brain aneurysm, accounting for roughly one in 50 Americans, and an estimated 30,000 Americans suffer a ruptured brain aneurysm in any given year; and

WHEREAS; while unruptured brain aneurysms typically have no symptoms, warning signs may include blurred or double vision, a drooping eyelid, a dilated pupil, weakness, numbness, and pain above or behind one eye; and

WHEREAS; unfortunately, brain aneurysms are often only discovered once they have ruptured, resulting in the sudden onset of symptoms that may include a severe headache, nausea, a stiff neck, sensitivity to light, seizure, confusion, and more; and

WHEREAS; approximately 15 percent of ruptured aneurysms result in death before the affected individual is able to reach a hospital, underscoring the importance of calling 911 and seeking immediate medical attention at the first sign of a possible rupture; and

WHEREAS; early and accurate diagnoses are essential to ensuring proper treatment and preventing death or permanent neurological damage from ruptured brain aneurysms; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins affected individuals and families across our state in spreading awareness of brain aneurysms, promoting research into improved screening and treatments, and honoring all those who are living with or who have lost their lives to a brain aneurysm;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 2021 as

## BRAIN ANEURYSM AWARENESS MONTH

out the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 27<sup>th</sup> day of

August 2021.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

By the Gonor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State